# Mountain Weather Forecast

## South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 31 Oct 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 01 Nov 2020

Forecast Issued on Saturday 31 Oct 2020 at 02:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High confidence for an extremely windy weekend with persistent heavy rain and snow at times higher on the munro tops. The timing of the strongest winds and amounts of rainfall is harder to predict.

**Headline for Saturday 31 Oct 2020:** A wet and very windy day with storm force gusts, particularly on the higher tops. plateau.

**Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 31 Oct 2020**

**Blizzards**
No Likelihood

**Heavy Snow**
No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**
Medium Likelihood

**Gales**
High Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**
Medium Likelihood

**Poor visibility**
Medium Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**
Medium Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**
No Likelihood

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Heavy Rain | Heavy Rain | Heavy Rain | Light rain showers | Light rain showers (night) | Partly cloudy (night) |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 50% | 70% | 50% | 40% | 40% | 20% |

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**Weather:** Rain will start before daylight and will soon turn heavy and persistent for much of the day. South easterly winds will strengthen throughout the morning with storm force gusts on the munro tops. Combined with the driving rain it will make for very difficult progress on the hills with very poor visibility at times. Rain turning wintry on munro tops later in the day.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 70% around dawn but cloud soon becoming thicker at lower levels and there will be very little clearance at all above 600m. 20% by the afternoon.

**Visibility:** Good at dawn but soon turning poor or very poor at times.

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**Forecast for Saturday 31 Oct 2020**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1100** | 61/71 SE | 65/77 S | 57/73 S | 56/72 S | 61/78 SW | 53/68 SW | 46/59 SW |
| **900** | 44/55 SE | 43/55 S | 40/56 S | 41/57 S | 45/63 SW | 39/55 SW | 34/47 SW |
| **600** | 29/45 SE | 27/46 S | 25/48 S | 28/51 S | 32/57 SW | 28/50 SW | 25/44 SW |
| **300** | 15/32 SE | 17/37 SE | 21/45 S | 22/47 S | 23/49 SW | 20/43 SW | 11/27 SW |
| **Glen** | 13/32 SE | 17/37 SE | 21/44 SE | 20/42 SW | 23/47 SW | 21/44 SW | 16/32 SW |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1100** | 1/-9 | 5/-3 | 6/-1 | 2/-7 | 1/-9 | 0/-9 | -1/-11 |
| **900** | 3/-6 | 6/-0 | 8/2 | 4/-3 | 3/-6 | 2/-6 | 1/-7 |
| **600** | 4/-2 | 7/2 | 10/6 | 7/2 | 5/-2 | 4/-2 | 3/-3 |
| **300** | 6/3 | 9/6 | 12/8 | 10/6 | 7/3 | 7/2 | 6/2 |
| **Glen** | 7/4 | 10/7 | 12/8 | 10/7 | 8/4 | 8/4 | 6/2 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 2700m | 2700m | 2600m | 1600m | 1300m | 1200m | 900m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**

Winds are likely to gust even stronger than the forecast values and gusts may reach 80mph at times. A severe wind chill is expected in the morning and evening and becoming quite wintry on Saturday night.

**Forecast for Sunday 01 Nov 2020**

**Weather:** Another wet and windy day expected with snow expected on the munro tops. Some breaks in the cloud are likely after lunchtime however showers will soon follow and further more persistent rain or snow is likely in the evening.

**Maximum wind:** Southwesterly 30-40mph with gusts 50-60mph.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 20% during the morning, with very few cloud breaks likely, becoming 60% for a time in the afternoon when there may be some brightness.

**Visibility:** Poor or very poor but may improve good for a few hours in the afternoon.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius rising to 14 Celsius.
**At 800m:** Plus 1 Celsius.
**Freezing level:** Around 900m.

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